REMARKS

1. Summary of the Office Action

In the Office action mailed November 30, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 14, 15, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,134,283 (Sands et al.). The Examiner objected to claim 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 and 10-13 are allowed.

2. Amendments and Pending Claims

Applicants have amended claim 18, cancelled claims 14, 15, 19, and 20, and have added new claims 21-23. Now pending in this application are claims 1-8, 10-13, 18, and 21-23, of which claims 1, 10, and 18 are independent claims.

3. Response to Examiner's Objection

As noted above, the Examiner indicated claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that by rewriting claim 18 to include all of the limitations of claim 14, claim 18 is now in condition for allowance. Further, Applicants' new claims 21-23 are dependent upon claim 18, and Applicants submit that claims 21-23 are necessarily are in a condition for allowance as well.

4. Response to §102 Rejections

As noted above, the Examiner rejected claims 14, 15, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sands et al. The Applicants have cancelled claims 14,

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15, 17, and 19, and thus submit that the Examiner's rejection of claims 14, 15, 19, and 20, is moot.

5.   **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presently pending claims in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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